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**Applicants:** Satoshi Yoshihara et al.  
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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**S I R:**

In response to the Office Action of July 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.